

**Town Manager's Office  
Town of Mansfield**

# Memo

To: Town Council  
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager  
CC: Town Employees  
Date: July 11, 2016  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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Below please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council, the staff, and the community:

## **Council Business**

- *July 25, 2016 Town Council Meeting* – We will likely have a heavier agenda for the next meeting, to include some or all of the following items:
  - Agreement between the Town of Mansfield, the Mansfield Board of Education and the Regional School District No. 19 Board of Education for Employee Benefits, Financial Management, Information Technology and Risk Management Services (for action)
  - Facility Needs Assessment for Municipal Buildings (information only)
  - Mansfield/UCONN Sewer Agreement (for action)
  - Mansfield/Chaplin Boundary Agreement (for action)
  - Ravine Road Agreement (for action)
- *Housing Trust* - As part of our work on to promote neighborhood stabilization, I wanted to let the Council know that staff and I are meeting with our colleagues at the Mansfield Housing Authority to talk about the feasibility of creating a housing trust. Communities around the country utilize housing trusts for a variety of initiatives, including home buyer programs under which qualified buyers receive assistance with a down payment or financing. A program like this could prove beneficial for first time homeowners as well others that might need some assistance to purchase a home. We are in the research phase now and plan to make recommendations to the Town Council and Housing Authority this fall.
- *Masonicare Project* – Unfortunately, an issue came up and representatives from Masonicare had to cancel their planned update for the Town Council this evening. They did sponsor a lunchtime briefing at the Mansfield Senior Center today; about 50 people attended that session. My office will coordinate with Masonicare to reschedule the update for the Town Council.

## **Departmental Reports**

- *Town Manager's Office*
  - *Eversource Price Reductions* – Eversource's Standard Service price for residential and small commercial customers changes twice a year, on January 1 and July 1, to reflect pricing in the energy marketplace. On July 1, 2016 electric supply rates will decrease. In Connecticut, the average supply rate for residential Standard Service customers will decrease to 6.61 cents from the current 9.56 cents per kWh, a savings of nearly three cents per kWh. This means that the typical bill for residential customers on Standard Service using 700 kWh per month will see a reduction of almost \$21.00, reflected in the monthly supply portion of the bill. Sixty-six percent of Eversource's 1.2 million customers in Connecticut are signed up for Standard Service and will see savings as a result of this price change.

## **Major Projects**

- *Four Corners Sanitary Sewer Project* – Staff received good news from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection today; the agency putting together the final record of decision (RoD) package for submittal to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) along with a cover letter recommending approval of the environmental impact evaluation (EIE). We will then wait for OPM's approval to proceed to final design and project bidding.
- *Storrs Center* - This fall, Grille 86 will call Storrs Center its new home. Grille 86 is an American eatery featuring inviting, fresh, and honest food utilizing locally sourced products, served in a casual setting. The restaurant will be located at 33 Wilbur Cross Way, Suite 101. The ownership and management team is excited to open in Storrs Center, and looks forward to welcoming the community to relax and enjoy unmatched food and beverages, and offering the perfect place to watch all the big games on television.

## **Upcoming Events**

- *Storrs Farmers Market* - The Storrs Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM through Thanksgiving on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. Everything sold at the Market is grown and produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just under 10 miles! For more information, please visit [storrsfarmersmarket.org](http://storrsfarmersmarket.org).
- *Summer Concerts on the Square* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the Town of Mansfield invite residents to attend the 2016 Summer Concerts on the Square, presented by Connecticut Water! Every Thursday in June and July, enjoy live music on the Town Square from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The concerts are free and open to the public. See the full schedule and videos of each band at [mansfieldmusic.org](http://mansfieldmusic.org). The Summer Concerts on the Square are made possible with the generous support of Connecticut Water, UConn First Summer, Main Street Homes at Storrs Center, The Oaks on the Square, and Storrs Center Retail.
- *Summer Fun in Storrs* – Visit [mansfieldct.gov/summer](http://mansfieldct.gov/summer) for a look at all of the activities planned in the downtown this summer. From movies and musicals to concerts and puppets, there's something for every age to enjoy!

## **Upcoming Meetings\***

- Sustainability Committee, July 13, 2016, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Water System Advisory Committee, July 13, 2016, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ethics Board, July 14, 2016, 4:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Police Services Committee, July 14, 2016, 5:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, July 14, 2016, 6:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, July 18, 2016, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, July 18, 2016, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, July 19, 2016, 6:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Open Space Preservation Committee, July 19, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Cemetery Committee, July 20, 2016, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, July 20, 2016, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Town Council Meeting, July 25, 2016, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

*\*Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*